



Federation Newsletter

Winter 2021

Making sure your voice is heard

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EVENTS

- INTERSCHUTZ
20 to 22 June 2022
Hannover.
- Emergency Services
Show Fire safety
Event
7-9 September 2021
NEC Birmingham

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£3.5bn Extra Funding for Cladding Removal

The government has [announced](#) it will provide a further £3.5bn funding to pay for the removal and replacement of cladding for leaseholders in residential buildings of 18 metres and higher, or above six stories, in England. The plans include a low interest loan scheme for leaseholders in buildings between 11 and 18 metres. However, the announcement has been widely criticised for underestimating the scale of the building fire safety crisis and pointing out that ‘fire does not discriminate by height’.

Fire’s Future Workshop

Our third Knowledge and Needs workshop to address the fire sector relationship with future challenges will take place on Wednesday 3rd March at 14:30.

Ben Brook representing the NFCC and our Executive Officer will again lead a roundtable session looking at new and possibly more appropriate approaches to continue mitigating anticipated and future risks by examining likely threats over the next 20 years.

Next Forum Examines Product Assurance

The next Fire Sector Federation Forum to be held 10:30 on Wednesday 24 February 2021. Following the business update will be an open workshop to consider construction product assurance.

The Board see this very much as a FSF policy formation debate and discussion, similar to the one we held in 2018 on third-party assurance. Members are encouraged to attend join in the conversation, comment and help the Federation find the common ground. A full agenda and joining details have been sent to members.

FIEP Spring Meeting Dates

The EU Fire Information Exchange Platform is holding three teleconference meetings through this Spring:

4th March, 10:00-12:00 “Batteries in Fire”

15th April, 09:30 -12:30 “Developing Fire Safety Knowledge and Awareness”

20th May, 09:30-12:30 “Fire Safety EU Projects”

The meetings are open to interested parties who are not FIEP members. More information is available from:

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Chief Inspector of Buildings Appointed

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has announced the appointment of a Chief Inspector of Buildings. The HSE's current Director of Building Safety and Construction, Peter Baker, will take up post with immediate effect. He will head up the Building Safety Regulator to deliver a new regime for high risk buildings - read more [here](#)

New Engineering Services Alliance

Actuate UK, a new alliance for the UK's engineering services sector, has just formed. The alliance comprises eight leading trade, research and professional bodies in engineering services.

Actuate UK aims to deliver a single, consolidated voice for the sector and will lead its response to the building safety agenda and post COVID green recovery, providing direction and championing the wider culture changes needed for success. It brings together BESA, BSRIA, CIBSE, ECA, FETA, LEIA, SELCT and SNIPEF. More information is available on the Actuate UK [website](#)

Modern Building Alliance Association News

The Modern Building Safety Alliance represents the plastic industry in the construction sector and is dedicated to improving fire safety in buildings. Any members interested in receiving their regular free newsletter on fire safety issues can sign up [here](#)

Follow us on LinkedIn

The Federation now has a page on LinkedIn where we will post news and updates. Please use visit this [link](#) to visit the page and follow us!

Basecamp access to Knowledgebase

Basecamp offers members access to our library of record and useful information about ongoing projects and policy developments. If any members have forgotten their access details they should email executive@firesectorfederation.co.uk for an updated invite.

Dates for Meetings

The Board has agreed the following dates for Forums.

Wednesday 24 February 2021 with a focus on product assurance

Monday 10 May 2021 - This will be the AGM

Wednesday 8 September 2021 at NEC coinciding with the FS Show

Monday 8 November 2021 the day before the 2021 Fire Summit

Wednesday 15 December 2021

Thursday 24 February 2022

Tuesday 10 May 2022 - This will be the AGM